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The Late Abbot Thomas Duperon.

In our last number we gave but a short notice of the late Abbot Thomas; we give to-day a short biography of his eventful life.

James Duperon was born October the 29th, 1842, at Ascain, diocese of Bayonne, France, and from early youth, he showed what he was to be in after years, "a man of God."

Immediately after his ordination, June the 6th, 1868, he was appointed professor at the preparatory Seminary

of Laressore; but his zeal for the salvation of souls urged him to join a band of noble men, who as Missionaries, went through the Province preaching and bringing back the erring sheep.

It was while thus engaged that the Franco-Prussian war broke out, and we find him on the battle fields as army chaplain, ministering to the unfortunate soldiers. At the close of the war he returned to his missionary labors. But his zeal had still higher aspirations.